DISCUSSION OF THE AMENDMENTS

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Claims 1 and 2 are original.

Claims 2-13 are currently amended.

Upon entry of the Amendment, claims 1-13 will be active.

The Amendment to the claims is supported by the claims as originally filed.

The claims are amended to remove multiple dependent claims and to clarify claim language.

No new matter has been added.

REMARKS

In view of the above amendment, applicant believes the pending application is in condition for allowance.

Prior to fee calculation and the examination of the instant application, please enter the above amendments. The amendment to the specification is made to insert cross-reference information. No new matter has been added.

Applicant believes no fee is due with this response. However, if a fee is due, please charge our Deposit Account No. 03-2775, under Order No. 12810-00333-US1 from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

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